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TART CHERRY CROP UP SHARPLY

Tart cherry production in the U.S. for 1982 is forecast at 339 million pounds (154 thousand metric tons), over two and one-half times as large as the 1981 crop and 55 percent greater than the 1980 crop. As of June 15, the Great Lakes States expect to harvest nearly 323 million pounds, 183 percent more than last year and 63 percent more than the 1980 total.

In Michigan, which normally accounts for about two-thirds of the U.S. total, the first forecast for the 1982 crop is 275 million pounds, over three times as large as last year and 83 percent more than the 1980 crop. No appreciable freeze damage occurred during the winter and near perfect growing conditions prevailed this spring. Production in New York is forecast at 29.0 million pounds, 245 percent above last year but 5 percent less than the crop produced in 1980. Weather was excellent for pollination during bloom and there was a good set. Rain is helping increase fruit size. The crop condition is good with no hail or disease damage. Pennsylvania tart cherry production is estimated at 8.00 million pounds, unchanged from 1981. The crop condition varies from excellent to a total loss depending on the effects of January's subzero temperatures. Wisconsin's forecast, at 10.5 million pounds, is up 9 percent from 1981. There was little frost damage at bloom and the set was good. This was partially offset by the greater than normal loss to winter kill.

TART CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		INDICATED 1982
	1980	1981	
	MILLION POUNDS		
COLO 2/	2.0	1.6	1.0
MICH	150.0	88.0	275.0
N Y	30.4	8.4	29.0
OREG 2/	5.0	5.0	7.0
PA	5.6	8.0	8.0
UTAH 2/	13.0	14.0	8.0
WIS	12.1	9.6	10.5
U S	218.1	134.6	338.5

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (MILLION POUNDS):
1980 - 1.9, 1981 - 0.4. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM
EARLIER FORECAST.

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SWEET CHERRY CROP DOWN

A sweet cherry crop of 150 thousand tons (136 thousand metric tons) is forecast for the U.S. This is 2 percent less than last year's production and 13 percent less than the 1980 crop. The production forecast for the Great Lakes States is 62 percent more than last year, while the Western States expect a drop in production of 15 percent.

The first forecast of Michigan's crop, at 35.0 thousand tons, is up 52 percent from last year. Excellent growing conditions prevailed this spring. The Pennsylvania forecast, at 700 tons, is more than double last year's freeze shortened crop. The crop is spotty because of some winter kill and freezing weather during bloom. New York expects a crop of 5000 tons, nearly three times more than in 1981. Weather conditions have been very favorable.

SWEET CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		INDICATED 1982
	1980	1981	
TONS			
CALIF 2/	44,000	32,750	11,000
IDAHO 2/	3,100	3,100	2,200
MICH	29,000	23,000	35,000
MONT 2/	700	1,240	2,150
N Y	5,100	1,750	5,000
OREG 2/	33,000	40,000	32,000
PA	700	300	700
UTAH 2/	4,100	4,500	1,500
WASH 2/	52,000	46,400	60,000
U S	171,700	153,040	149,550

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (TONS): 1980 - 5,400, 1981 - 7,020. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.